## **HVAC Contractors:**

# Get Credentialed to Work with ENERGY STAR®!

EPA is looking for contractors who want to be market leaders by offering best-practice HVAC design and installation. Homebuilders who build ENERGY STAR certified homes must work with contractors who are credentialed to provide these premium services. This requirement promotes enhanced comfort, efficiency, and durability in homes and provides HVAC contractors with a new business opportunity.

#### **Contractor Benefits**

Contractors who are credentialed to work with ENERGY STAR gain access to a select group of leading builders who are committed to being leaders in quality housing. By using proven ENERGY STAR guidelines, combined with verification from Home Energy Raters, they can consistently deliver high performance homes. The improved quality of ENERGY STAR certified homes can reduce complaints and callbacks, so contractors can focus on selling premium services instead of fixing problems.

The HVAC credentialing requirement also provides contractors with a valuable marketing tool. Now contractors who want to offer best-practice design and installation services have an easy, powerful way to differentiate themselves from contractors who compete strictly on price.

## **How to Participate**

Credentials are offered by independent, third-party oversight organizations whose programs have been recognized by EPA, including ACCA's Quality Assured Contractor program.

ACCA explains how to participate in their program at <a href="www.acca.org/qa">www.acca.org/qa</a>, so start there. Here's a short summary of how to get started:

- 1. Take an online orientation to learn about ACCA's program and how to apply.
- 2. <u>Create a free ACCA account</u> to access & sign required forms. Add ACCA as a certificate holder for insurance and performance bonds.
- **3.** <u>Submit your application</u>. ACCA will request copies of your mechanical and business licenses as well as a signed <u>Participation Agreement</u>.

### **Questions?**

**ACCA Quality Assured Contractor Program** 

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